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SUBJ: PHAO SARASIN PUBLICLY SUPPORTS AMENDMENT TO THAI-US
EXTRADITION TREATY TO INCLUDE NARCOTICS OFFENSES AS EXTRAD-
ITABLE OFFENSES

1. POL MAJGEN PHAO SARASIN, SEC GEN OF NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD,
PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL DISCUSSION ON NARCOTICS AT THE FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS CLUB OF THAILAND ON JUNE 20. EXCERPTS FROM THE
BANGKOK POST REPORT ON THE PANEL DISCUSSION FOLLOW: QTE THAILAND
IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP AN EXTRADITION TREATY CON-
CERNING NARCOTICS OFFENSERS WITH THE US, SEC GEN OF THE
TNAI NARCOTICS BOARD, MAJGEN PAO SARASIN, SAID LAST NIGHT.

2. QTE DURING A PANEL DISCUSSION ON NARCOTICS AT THE FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS CLUB OF THAILAND, MAJGEN PAO SAID THAT ALTHOUGH
THAILAND HAD EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH THE US AS WELL AS OTHER
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, NARCOTICS OFFENSERS WERE NOT
INCLUDED.

3. QTE HE SAID THAT A LOT OF FOREIGNERS ACCUSED OF DRUG
CHARGES HAD JUMPED BAIL AND FLED THE COUNTRY DURING THE PAST,
ESCAPING PROSECUTION, REVISION OF EXTRADITION TREATIES WITH
FOREIGN COUNTRIES WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE MOST OF THEM WERE
RATHER OUTDATED, HE ADDED.

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4. QTE SEC OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTRE MAJGEN
CHAVALIT YODMANEE, A TOP NARCOTICS OFFICIAL, CAPT VARAJ
JUTIMITTA AND DR CHARAS SUWANNAWELA, CHIEF OF THE HEALTH RE-
SEARCH CENTRE AT CHULALONGKORN HOSPITAL, ALSO PARTICIPATED
IN THE DISCUSSION. END QTE

5. COMMENT: PHAO'S COMMENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT IS
THE FIRST TIME THAT ANY OFFICIAL HAS PUBLICLY MADE REF-

ERENCE TO THAI-US EFFORTS TO AMEND THE EXISTING THAI-US
EXTRADITION TREATY TO INCLUDE NARCOTICS OFFENSES UNDER THE
LIST OF EXTRADITABLE OFFENSES. THE FACT THAT A MAJOR THAI
FIGURE SEES A NEED FOR THE AMENDMENT PURELY FROM A THAI POINT
OF VIEW IS ENCOURAGING AND BODES WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE US
NEGOTITING EFFORT.
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